

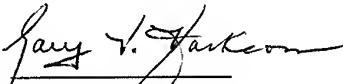
REMARKS

An Examiner's Amendment to Applicant's independent method claim 14 was attached to the Notice of Allowability mailed October 15, 2009. Upon review of the Examiner's Amendment, Applicant discovered an inadvertent error in the Examiner's Amendment of independent method claim 14. Accordingly, the present amendment amends independent method claim 14 to correct the inadvertent error in the Examiner's Amendment.

Although the present amendment is being submitted after the mailing of the Notice of Allowance, and although an amendment may not be made as a matter of right after the mailing of the Notice of Allowance, Applicant submits that entry of the amendment is appropriate to correct the inadvertent error in the Examiner's Amendment to Applicant's independent method claim 14 that was recently discovered. Applicant also submits that the present amendment does not require any additional search, that only a cursory review of the record is necessary, and that the present amendment does not involve materially additional work on the part of the USPTO. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests entry of the amendment under the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.312.

Should there be any questions, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the below-listed telephone number.

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